

ANTHROPOLOGY (COURSE 21A)

Anthropology Section (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/anthropology/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
Select two of the following:	24
21A.00 Introduction to Anthropology: Comparing Human Cultures	
21A.01 How Culture Works	
21A.157 The Meaning of Life	
21A.155 Food, Culture, and Politics (CI-M)	12
21A.802 Seminar in Ethnography and Fieldwork (CI-M)	12

Restricted Electives

Eight anthropology subjects, which may include a pre-thesis tutorial (21A.THT) and a thesis (21A.THU). The decision to write a thesis is made in consultation between the student and advisor.

Units in Major	138-144
Unrestricted Electives¹	72-114

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs (36-72)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree 180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.